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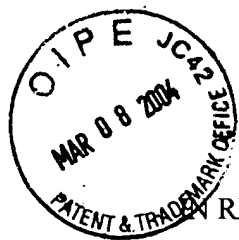
- X Petition to Make Special Because of Applicant's Age  
X Affidavit of Garritt A. Darling

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**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL BECAUSE OF APPLICANT'S AGE**  
**(37 C.F.R. §1.102(c) AND MPEP §708.02 IV)**

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Sir:

Applicants hereby respectfully petitions to make this application special because Applicant,  
Garritt A. Darling, is at least 70 years of age.

As a showing of this fact, accompanying this petition is an Affidavit by the Applicant  
averring to the statement of age.

No fee is required with this petition in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.102(c).

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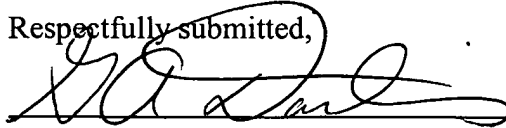
Dear Sir:

I, Gary Darling swear and attest that I am the Applicant and Inventor of the invention described in U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 10/607,160 entitled BOAT HOOK ATTACHMENT, filed on June 24, 2003, and that I am seventy (70) years of age. I am submitting this affidavit in order that the patent application may be made special by the Commissioner for Patents.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated: 3-3 —, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

  
Garritt A. Darling, Inventor